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1. EMBASSY ADVISED AYKAZYAN OF SCST DECEMBER 29 PER REF A OF PROVISIONAL

U.S. DECISION TO ACCEPT SOVIET INVITATION TO SEND COAST GUARD/MARAD ICE-TRANSITING DELGATION TO THE USSR, PENDING REVIEW OF DETAILED ITINERARY YET TO BE PROVIDED BY THE SOVIETS. ACTING SCICOUNS INFORMED AYKAZYAN OF U.S. DESIRE TO SCHEDULE VISIT IN LATE JANUARY AND OUTLINED DOT SUGGESTION THAT DELEGATION BE DIVIDED INTO TWO GROUPS. IN RESPONSE, AYKAZYAN INDICATED THAT LATE JANUARY DATE WAS QUOTE IN PRINCIPLE UNQUOTE ACCEPTABLE TO THE SOVIETS. HE ASKED FOR INFORMATION REGARDING THE COMPOSITION OF THE USDEL WHICH WE EXPLAINED WOULD BE CONTINGENT ON THE FINAL PROGRAM ORGANIZED HERE. AYKAZYAN STATED THAT HE WOULD PROVIDE IN THE NEAR FUTURE A DETAILED ITINERARY WHICH HE NOTED WOULD NOT DIFFER FROM THE GENERAL PROGRAM OUTLINED BY ALEKSENKO TO SCICOUNS

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ON DECEMBER 2 (SEE PARA 2, REF B).

2. IN A RELATED DEVELOPMENT, WE NOTED TO AYKAZYAN AND ISHCENKO THE APPEARANCE ON THE FRONT PAGE OF TODAY'S PRAVDA OF A STORY (WITH ACCOMPANYING PHOTO) REPORTING THE TRANSFER OF THE NEW NUCLEAR-POWERED ICEBREAKER SIBIR' TO THE ARCTIC FLEET

AND INQUIRED WHEN SHE WOULD IN FACT ENTER SERVICE
ON THE NORTHERN SEA ROUTE. THE SIBIR' APPARENTLY
REMAINS IN LENINGRAD COMPLETING FINAL PREPARATIONS
FOR GOING TO SEA. NEITHER SOVIET APPEARED TO
KNOW WHEN THE NEW ICEBREAKER WOULD ACTUALLY BEGIN
TO OPERATE IN THE ARCTIC BUT THEY INDICATED THAT
HER DEPLOYMENT WAS NOT DISTANT AND THAT HER
SEA TRIALS HAD BEEN COMPLETED.
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